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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/EP98/03734
International Filing Date: June 18, 1998
Priority Date Claimed: Germany
Title of Invention: FILLING CONNECTION FOR A GAS CYLINDER VALVE
Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Erwin Weh, Wolfgang Weh

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. () This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
3. (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. (X) A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
 - a) () is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) (X) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) () is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. (X) A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)).
7. (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
 - a) () are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) () have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) () have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d) (X) have not been made and will not be made.
8. () A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)).
9. () An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)).
10. (X) A copy of the International Search Report.
11. (X) A translation of the annexes, such as any amendments made under PCT Article 34, to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).

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Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

12. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
13. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
14. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☒ International Application as published (first page only).
18. ☐ Small Entity Statement.
19. ☐ PCT Form PCT/IPEA/402.
20. ☐ PCT Form PCT/IB/308.
21. ☐ PCT request form.
22. ☒ A return prepaid postcard.
23. ☒ The following fees are submitted:

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BASIC FEE				\$840
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	14 - 20 =	0 ×	\$18	\$0
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0 ×	\$78	\$0
Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)			\$260	\$0
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$0
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity (if applicable). Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (NOTE 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				\$
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE				\$840
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED				\$840

24. ☒ The fee for later submission of the signed oath or declaration set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(e) will be paid upon submission of the declaration.

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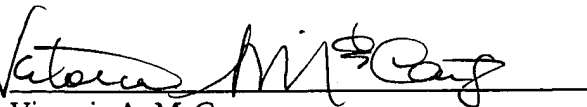
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